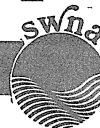


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BUILDING BRIDGES: A CHAT WITH PHYLLIS MARTIN

by Jerry Blasenstein

When one goes into Phyllis Martin's home, there may be something good emanating from the stove. There may be a jigsaw puzzle spread out, waiting for another piece to be added, since this is her therapy from stress. There are all kinds of community awards that she has earned, adorning one wall. And there are all kinds of artifacts, Egyptian and African, her two favorites, on her shelves.

But, the exchange of ideas! This is what Phyllis is really about. And, another surprise, finding her being interviewed on television in a documentary on the transition from Old to New Southwest. Was this a blessing or a curse? Depends on your point of view. Phyllis' point of view is one that can be related to in a big way.

She is a fixture in the Southwest community, having arrived here in 1941. Back then James Creek, where she now lives, was split between White and Black people. Her mother was the first tenant. Former mayor Walter Washington was the first Resident Manager. Phyllis married in 1948, left, and returned in 1953. She started with Southwest Community House, rising in the ranks from community organizer to Director. She witnessed the bulldozing of Old Southwest and its Renewal. She witnessed hopes and dreams being born, some of them not making it past birth.

Phyllis Martin has great hopes for the community. In 1973, she was instrumental in starting Family Day, where people would gather together, have cookouts, play, and socialize. She's been involved in projects such as Youth Day, Senior Citizens' Cookout, and Christmas Party for Tots. Although Family Day ended a couple of years ago, she wants to resurrect it. One obstacle, in her mind, needs to come down-the 'Berlin Wall'. That's 3rd Street. An imaginary dividing line that really does not need to be there, since understanding and communication are the only tools needed to remove it.

Phyllis' credo is 'Learn How to Love'. Her philosophy is 'Don't do it for me-do it with me'. The pathway is through the children, who are our future. And they are her first love. She would like to see the start of a Youth Leadership Program, teaching youths the principles of political awareness, public speaking, communication skills, and Robert's Rules of Order. Young people need to testify eloquently at City council meetings, because they have some of the best ideas. In addition, Community outreach is needed, and the best approach is going into people's homes and working with families.

Phyllis is committed to working on other community issues. A better relationship with the police department is on the list. With 6 Public Housing projects and over 1,000 residents, police presence is needed. Why meet the community on Department turf-have meetings on the properties.

Phyllis' long range goals are threefold: better services for the handicapped, day care in Public Housing, coupled with job training, and home ownership at James Creek. A feasibility study to HUD is underway, with her assistance, towards this end. (cont. p. 2)



Phyllis Martin Receiving Award at White House.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SWNA

An election of officers for the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will take place. The election will on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20th at the Safeway in Waterside Mall. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the SWNA will be scheduled for Thursday, March 25th. Former Chief of Police Issac Fullwood will participate in a panel discussion on a possible children curfew as well as, crime and violence in the community. All residents are invited to attend the meeting. It will be held at Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd and M St SW Washington beginning at 7:30 pm, and refreshments will be served by SWNA's Crime and Drug Task Force.

Ethel Williams, Chair of the Nominating Committee, is looking for new and old SW residents interested in being candidates for the Board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Contact Ethel Williams at 484-0515

BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCE - Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton

Sunday, February 28

The key address at the Ninth Annual Black History Program will be given by DC Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton. It will be a celebration and reflection on the achievements of African-Americans. The SWNA dedicates this program to several blacks who have died this past year. The honorees are Thurgood Marshall, Reginald Lewis, Dizzy Gillespie and Arthur Ashe. The program will be held at Saint Matthews Lutheran Church, Third & M St SW, at 3:00 pm on February 28, 1993. In addition to Mrs. Norton, there will be a performance of area elementary and junior high schools. The entire community is encourage to make this a complete success.

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We do not carry the emotional, psychological and physical scars of the explosion that darkened the skies in a segregated society. The protest marches, the signs, the sheriffs, the shotguns, cattle prods, police, mobs, dogs, hoses and chains were the menacing clouds.

Fannie Lou Hamer's hip was broken and she limped the rest of her life. She was savagely beaten and jailed. Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) has a steel plate in his head today, the result of severe beatings endured during the Freedom Marches at Selma, Montgomery, Anniston, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Mississippi, and Orangeburg, SC.

Yes, and Little Rock, Arkansas, where a gentle warrior, a brave lawyer argued civil rights cases and won a legal victory with the integration of Central High in Little Rock.

The Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation deems it an honor to name its organization after Wiley Branton who demonstrated what is right with America: freedom, diversity, and the pursuit of equal justice under the law.

By his side, during the good days and the bad days was his wife and helpmate, Mrs. Lucille Branton. She characterizes the strength, courage and perseverance of the black women who nurtured husband and children, preserving the home, shielding family from disappointments, calming their fears and planning for the sudden changes in life's patterns.

Eleanor Roosevelt said "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience; you must do the things you think you cannot do." This she did with purpose and determination.

The Southwest/Southeast community joins the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation in saluting Mrs. Lucille Branton. Her exemplary life mirrors the strength that endures and reflects with her beloved husband the all-abiding love for all men and women.

(Remarks by Ethel James Williams at the Annual Meeting of the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation, January 13, 1993, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Delaware and M Streets, SW.)

Phyllis Martin - cont. from p. 1

There are a few other ideas that Phyllis would like to share. About the new administration: Mr. Clinton seems sincere and is breaking new ground for the everyday people. ["Mr. Gore is magnificent"]; About the School System: sacrifice is necessary, and you cannot have it both ways. In times of austerity, raises will mean school closings, which will lead to larger classes, which means extra inattention to individuals; On the Mayor: she is doing OK, moreso in this part of her term, and seems to be taking more of an interest. In fact, a mini-city hall here is desirable, and could provide extra services for Social Security, SSI, and Courts.

Phyllis is someone that you cannot help being close to, because she has the spirit.

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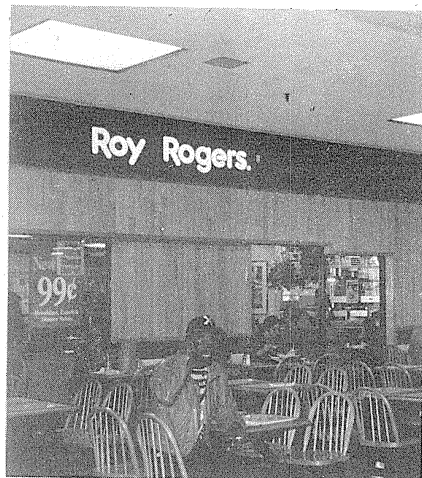
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Roy Roger's Restaurant

Neither Snow, Nor Sleet, Nor Threat of Bombs...

by Barbara Murray

Thanks to the warmth and hospitality of Roy Rogers in the mall, the SWNA Scholarship Committee was able to assemble their direct mail solicitation letters on a recent Saturday morning.

On perhaps the most blustery, bitter, cold day of the year, the committee members approached the SW library for their Saturday morning meeting - only to learn that the library was closed - temporarily closed due to a bomb threat. With solemn faces we all retreated to our still cold cars and waited for the canine bomb squad to come sniff out the explosives.

Fortunately, before our brains became immobile from the frigid temperature, our thoughtful self-preservationist in the group suggested that we head for Roy Rogers and a hot cup of coffee. With refreshments in hand the assembly line of Jan Buller, Bea Judge, Dale MacIver, Cassandra Singleton, Bonnie Staley, Jackie Williams, Carole Early and Barbara Murray were able to complete a really big job.

The Scholarship Committee is most appreciative for 19 years of continuing community support from individuals, churches, community organizations, and businesses.

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The Death of "Roy Rogers"?

Is "Roy Rogers" about to head off in the sunset of fond memories? Barring a sudden change of plans, Hardee's is going to close the Waterside Mall restaurant at the end of February. It was learned that the popular eaterie has been done in by a low profit profit. Business is down and it is felt that many of the EPA customers had been detailed to offices that were away from the mall.

Area residents who depend on Roy's for an affordable and comfortable meal are upset by the development and looking for some ways of forestalling its closing. Many employees at EPA are also bothered by the thought they'll have to look for another place to eat. Many of them are also still rankled by the mall developer's (Bresler & Reiner) failure to build a cafeteria to serve EPA workers.

Rumors circulating through the mall say that the Roy Rogers space will be taken over by the American Cafe. While this would maintain the number of food outlets in the mall, critics of Roy's closing point out that American Cafe is more expensive.

Other rumors say that Hector's may also be forced to close as result of increased rent. Plymouth's space, they say, may be taken by EPA for additional offices. The Southwester was not able to confirm these rumors by press time.

In response to these developments, ANC 2D decided to invite representatives of Waterside Mall, the American Cafe, Hardee's, and other "interested parties" to come to its March 8 meeting.

Consumer backlash saved the Roy Rogers format when Hardee's took over the restaurant chain from the Marriott Corp. Perhaps, Roy's customers can do it again. If not, its "trail time" for the ole cowboy. Call 1-800-346-2243 to register your complaint.

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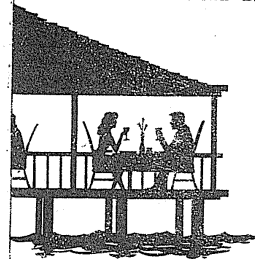
CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL WASHINGTON WATERFRONT ARTS FESTIVAL

The third annual Washington Waterfront Arts Festival, among the first of the National Cherry Blossoms Festival's week of events, is scheduled for Sunday, March 28, 1993. It will take place along the Southwest Waterfront from noon to dark. Artist and craftsmen will offer their work for sale. The Festival area will be decorated with traditional Japanese festival banners provided by ARISE, who will display authentic Asian textiles and jewelry.

A. Salon, an artist-run organization that provides affordable studios and exhibition space for Washington-area artists, is presenting this festival in conjunction with the Waterfront Washington Association, which represents Arena stage and the businesses along the waterfront.

The artists' booths will be located in full view of the cherry trees -- along the seawall behind the restaurants. A call to participants has been issued and anyone interested should contact Barbara Ehrlich 202-554-2487 or George Koch 202-882-0879.

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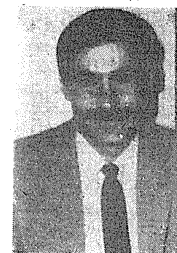
The Arthritis Foundation will offer its free Dial-A-Doctor services on Thursday, March 4, 1993 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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ANC - 2D

At its February 8, 1993 meeting ANC 2D:

1. Unanimously voted to continue monitoring the rights of residents of condominiums and co-operatives after a motion to endorse legislation modeled after Montgomery County's and Florida's laws on "common ownership communities" failed on a tie vote.
2. Decided to withdraw its opposition to East Side (nite club) liquor license renewal when the club owners agreed to take measures to discourage their patrons from driving noisily through neighborhood streets and to reduce around their club.
3. Agreed not to oppose liquor licenses for the Pawnshop Southwest, 300 E SW, and Truffles on Two, 300 D SW.
4. Amended the bylaws to reduce the size of the Executive Committee from 5 members to just the 4 officers.
5. Decided to ask representatives of all concerned parties, including Waterside Mall management, EPA employees, and Hardee's, to discuss the planned closing of the mall's Roy Rogers restaurant at the ANC's March meeting.
6. Established 6 committees dealing with: land use, urban renewal, public safety, public housing, education and recreation, and regulatory affairs; neighborhood residents are eligible to serve on the committees.
7. Adopted a budget for FY 1993 with projected expenses of \$23,746.
8. Nominated Commissioner Richard Westbrook (SMD 2D01) for a vacancy on the Redevelopment Land Agency, which oversees the city's urban renewal plans.

The March meeting of ANC-2D will be Monday March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at 400 "I" Street SW.

ragged dreams

by Annette Schwartz

some old clothes lying on a bench?
i wonder from the distance.
no - as i come closer - it is a person
covered with coat once clean and new
how many years ago.
he is not alone,
besides him, his paltry possessions,
wadded in wrinkled worn out sacks.
newspapers fanned about help deflect crackling
cold
a new semantic for each day's journal.
asleep - his ceiling is the sky,
friendly today in freshly washed attire
when he stirs, what thorny manuscripts molest
his thoughts
'will there be sustenance enough before the
night?'
forgotten dreams were diamond-cut designs;
what does he dream of now?
i fear him as i pass.
he once was young and loved by someone.
rejected now - could this be me one day?
i hurry on - the next bench is empty,
like the feeling in my heart.

ANC Elects 1993 Officers

At its January meeting, ANC 2D re-elected C.W. Hargrave (SMD 2D01) as Chairperson, L. LaVerne Reeves (SMD 2D05) Vice-Chairperson, Robert Dunbar (SMD 2D06) Secretary, and Alphonso Coles (2D03) Treasurer.

"The President's Own" United States Marine Band

The 1993 season began with the Chamber Music Series held Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in John Philip Sousa Band Hall (8th & I St., SE) from January 3rd through February 21st. The interest in the Chamber Series is even greater than in previous years and we have a wealth of great music planned for these concerts.

In order to accommodate large audiences the U.S. Marines have moved its Chamber Orchestra Series from Sousa Band Hall to the Harris Theater at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. The Chamber Orchestra Series will be held Sundays at 2:00 pm from February 28th through March 21st.

In April and May, we will present our Spring Band Concert Series on Sundays at 2:00 pm at George Mason University's center for the Arts in Fairfax, Virginia. Due to the response to last year's series, we have expanded the series to 8 concerts, running April 4th through May 23rd.

From June 2nd through August 29th, we will present our Summer Concert Series with outdoor concerts on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm at the U.S. Capitol and Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm at the Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument Grounds. The Evening Parades here at the Marine barracks will also be presented from May through August.

The Chamber Orchestra Series and the Spring Band Series are free and open to the public, but tickets will be required for both. Tickets will be distributed by the Center for the Arts Box Office and may be picked up in person during Box Office hours or ordered by phone. The Center for the Arts Box Office may be reached at 703-993-8888.

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A 1992 recipient of a Renew America National Environmental Achievement Award, GROW is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization that has helped city residents and organizations start food gardens on vacant lots and at community facilities since 1982 -- to save grocery money, transform idle urban land, improve nutrition, and beautify neighborhoods.

The Waterside Garden, a community garden at 6th and M Streets (on the grounds of St. Augustine's & Temple Micah) was organized by GROW.

GROW also seeks a working truck, a Macintosh computer & laser printer, perennial, and vegetables, herb and flower seedlings, grants from individuals, businesses, and community groups to support 1993 programs, and the help of a photographer with a color darkroom.

To volunteer or make donations, call GROW at 202-234-0591.



CAPITOL HILL CHORAL SOCIETY

On Inaugural Eve the Capitol Hill Choral Society (CHCS) performed for President Elect Clinton and Hillary Clinton, Vice President Elect Al Gore and Tipper Gore, and former President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynne Carter at a service of music and inspiration at First Baptist Church of Washington. CHCS, which rehearses at Riverside Baptist Church in Southwest, was joined by the Jefferson Junior High School Chorus in singing Roland Carter's arrangement of "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The composer was in the service, coming especially to attend from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga.

For the past two years in February CHCS, in its Education Outreach Program, has performed highly successful, joint concerts with the Jefferson Chorus. These concerts, entitled AMERICA SINGS!, give the students an opportunity to hear and to perform music from our American heritage and works by contemporary American composers. AMERICA SINGS! 1993 was heard on Wednesday February 24, 7:00 PM, at Riverside Baptist Church, 7th St and Maine Ave., S.W. D.C. AL FINE, the chamber ensemble of CHCS, and the Roger B Taney Middle School will sing the beautiful spirituals of a century ago and will celebrate the music of contemporary African American composers. The concert is free and all are invited to share this evening of beautiful music.

D.C. AL FINE will also perform AMERICAN SOUNDS, a concert of American music, on Sunday, March 28, 4:00 PM at a Riverside Church in conjunction with the Southwest celebration of the National Cherry Blossom Festival. All are cordially invited.

The society's next regular season performance will be Haydn's beautiful "CREATION MASS" in B Flat Major with full orchestra. This concert will take place Sunday March 14, 4:00 PM, at the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 5th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., S.E. (Seward Square). Admission is \$10 for senior citizens and students.

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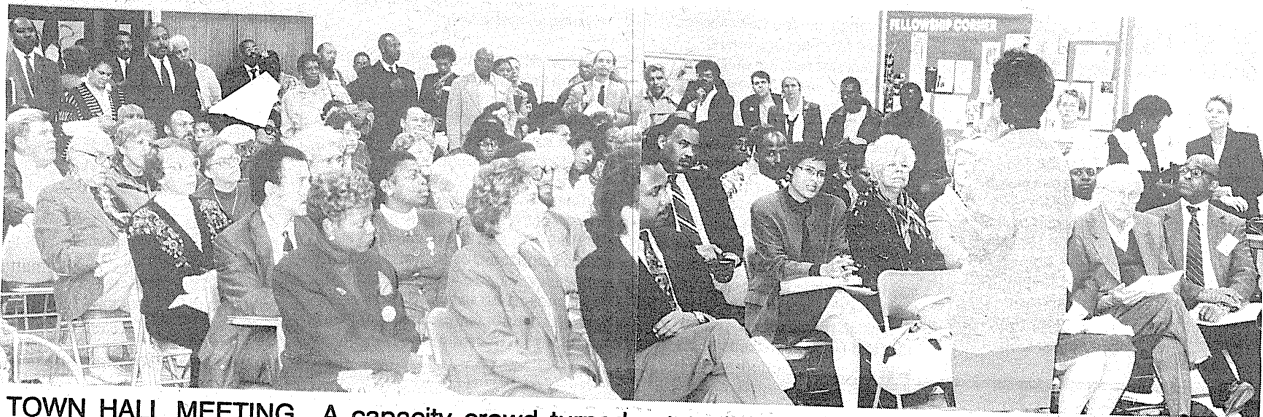
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TOWN HALL MEETING. A capacity crowd turned out to hear Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly at a Town Hall Meeting jointly sponsored by ANC 2D and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

ZONING PLANNED FOR SWURP AREA B

With the Urban Renewal Plan for Area B due to expire in December 1992, and with it all control over land use in that area, the ANC, beginning in FY91, has pressed the Office of Planning to develop a zoning plan to replace the urban renewal plan. Although Area B is a small area (it includes the area between South Capitol Street and 4th Street SW, and between D and I Streets), a new zoning plan is important for several reasons. First, without zoning, any kind of use could be established in the area. Second, the decisions made here could establish a precedent for the zoning that will be applied to the rest of the Southwest Urban Renewal areas when their plan controls expire in 1995 and 1996.

The Commission worked with the Office of Planning in arranging two briefings for area residents so that they would know what OP was considering, and so OP could receive citizen suggestions on their proposal. The ANC recommended that zoning: 1) should follow the area as built,

in accordance with the SWURP, to the fullest extent possible; 2) should not only be consistent with the SWURP, it should also preserve the current environment as built, particularly the open and green spaces; and, 3) zoning should prevent any increased hotel-like use in the apartment building at 800 4th Street SW. Satisfied that the OP proposal met these criteria, the ANC endorsed their plan and recommended that the Zoning Commission approve it. At year's end the plan was pending before the Zoning Commission.

Introduction

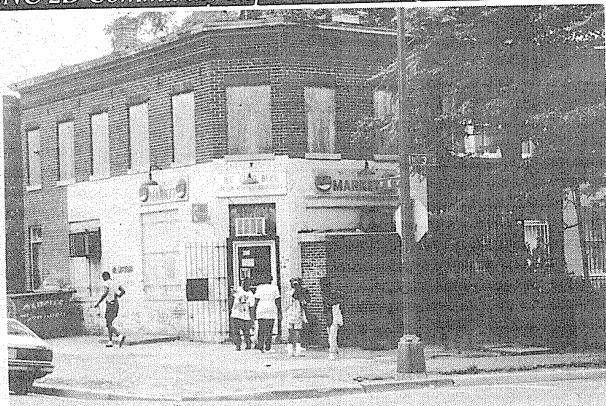
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The 3rd & K Market in Southeast, subject of a voluntary ABC agreement and an alley closing application.

ABC Cases

A large number of applications for new licenses or renewals came up in FY92. Most of the applications were non-controversial. Thus the Commission did not oppose license applications or renewals for:

The Pawnshop Restaurant, 300 E St SW; Vie de France, 600 Maryland SW; Capitol Park Market, 800 4th Street SW; Tracks, 1111 First St SE; Friendly Food Market, 1399 Half Street SW; Al's Transit Stop, 1003 - 8th SE; 7th & L Market, 700 L SE;

Also: Kelly's Foodworks, 409 3rd SW; Cap Liquors, 1301 S. Capitol SW; Goodman Market, 1100 8th SE; On Luck Liquors, 100 M St SE; Shulman's Liquor, 1550 First SW; 3rd & K Market, 1000 3rd SE; Good & Plenty, 38 "N" SE; KOC, 437 L'Enfant Plaza; and L'Enfant Wine, 459 L'Enfant Plaza.

The Commission voted to "endorse" the renewal application of Harry's Liquors at Waterside Mall. The following cases, on the other hand, generated considerable concern and action:

3rd & K Street. The Commission initially opposed the license renewal for the 3rd & K Market. However, following extensive negotiations between community residents, ANC representatives, and the owner, the ANC approved a "voluntary agreement" with the market owner. The owner agreed to several actions requested by area residents (who were also parties to the agreement), and the ANC withdrew its opposition to the renewal. The ABC Board has now the agreement after mandating some changes, including eliminating contributions to a scholarship fund.

On Luck. The ANC informed the operator of On Luck that the Commission has received complaints about his establishment. He was also informed that if these complaints persist, the Commission may oppose his application for renewal the next time it comes up.

Normandie's. The Commission opposed Normandie Liquors' application for renewal of its liquor license. The store, however, was successful in retaining its license.

7-Eleven. In early FY92 The ABC Board announced its decision to allow the Southland Corporation to transfer a liquor license to its 7-Eleven store on South Capitol and M Streets over ANC objections. The Board also denied the ANC's request that it reconsider its decision. The Commission officially restated its opposition to the 7-Eleven selling beer and wine, but because of restrictions in the ANC law it was unable to appeal its case to the courts.

Development Decisions

Buzzard Point/Vision 2020. The Commission has spent considerable time participating in discussions with the Office of Planning and area citizens on plans for the Buzzard Point/Near Southeast area. These discussions have included the process (e.g., should there be an advisory committee?) as well as the content of the plans.

The ANC has also continued to monitor the planning efforts coordinated by the Federal City Council under contract to the D.C. Government, and the application of the Buzzard Point Planning Association to rezone the entire area.

SE Federal Center. The Commission has followed GSA's plan for developing the Southeast Federal Center. It has noted objections of the federal Advisory Commission on Historic Preservation to the plan. It has also looked at the GSA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. It has also heard from a member of a team hoping to develop the site.

SE Bus Garage. Once again WMATA came to the community proposing to rebuild and expand the SE Bus garage on M Street SE. This time WMATA proposed to acquire an even larger site. In response to this proposal, the ANC urged Metro to appoint a "project manager" to inform the affected property owners concerning proposed acquisitions of land for the SE Bus Garage acquisition. The ANC also recommended that Metro should follow this procedure for all future acquisitions.

In addition, the Commission recommended to Metro that it provide every affected person, tenant or property owner, with a detailed plan before the hearing for any acquisition proposal. Finally, the ANC urged WMATA to delay the SE bus garage acquisition hearing for 30 days. WMATA, however, held the hearing as scheduled.

Parcel 69. The ANC monitored Boston Properties effort to purchase Parcel 69, site of the now-closed Chevron Station, and the proposed role of Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation.

Comprehensive plan. Following a review of the map changes proposed in Bill 9-301, the ANC concluded that the changes were technical and should be adopted. During FY93, the comprehensive plan will be up for more serious review and amendment.

The Portal Site

Height Limit. Developers of the Portal site have pressed the ANC to drop its opposition to their request to raise the height limit on the northwest corner of the Portal Site. In October 1991, the beginning of the fiscal year, the ANC reaffirmed its opposition to changing the height limit.

During the summer the developers asked the ANC go consider the issue again. However, noting that the legislation to raise the height limit on the Portals site expired in the previous session of the Council, and has not been reintroduced, the ANC has held off taking another vote on the issue.

It has used the time to obtain information on jobs provided by the developers for area residents and on the legal issues relating to the height limit.

FCC. Meanwhile the ANC sent a letter GSA expressing the ANC's deep concern about the failure of the Federal Communications Commission to follow through on plans to lease space at the Portal Site. The Commission believes that the SW community may be harmed if the GSA does not move the FCC or another federal agency into the site soon.



Wiley Branton Community Development Corp

Throughout the year the ANC continued to aid the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation Board as well as monitor its activities. Cm. Alphonso Coles, in accordance with the CDC's bylaws, was appointed to the WBCDC Board of Directors by the ANC. The ANC also invited WBCDC President Ron Britt to give a status report on the cdc at a Commission meeting.

The Commission also negotiated with the CDC to share staff and office space; the cdc, however, pressed for time, withdrew from the negotiations before the ANC took final action.

Recreation

Ruth Battle, director of the Arthur Capper Recreation Center, attended a Commission meeting and discussed the situation at the center. Members of the Commission and the audience raised a number of issues with her including: the long-term plan for the center, whether the field would continue to be available for softball games, how the center related to the Neighborhood Planning Councils, and the status of the recreation budget, among other topics.

The Commission is aware that many Southeast residents, who are now residents of the ANC 6B area as a result of redistricting, are unhappy with conditions at the Arthur Capper center. They are also unhappy because the recreation (REC) and public housing (DPAH) departments keep passing responsibility for the center back and forth.

There are some similar problems at the King-Greenleaf center in Southwest. The Commission therefore participated in meetings with Councilmember Jack Evans and with representatives of the two departments.

The ANC has also tried, unsuccessfully, to have the maintenance chiefs of the two departments come together at the same meeting. Improvements at the two centers are still needed as is better communication between the two departments.

The ANC reviewed City plans to hold elections in November for the Neighborhood Planning Councils. This led to a more general discussion of the role and accountability of the NPCs, and the apparent lack of information about them.

The ANC, therefore, at its final meeting of the fiscal year decided to request budget matters and other related items on NPC operations in Ward 2. The ANC will evaluate this information in early FY93.

In addition, the ANC is recommending that the NPCs be better named to reflect their function better, i.e., recreation rather than planning.

Crime

Crime continues to be a major concern of area citizens and of the Commission. The ANC considered police and crime issues in one form or another at almost every meeting during FY92. Sometimes it was the need for improved lighting under the freeway or in the parking lots at Waterside Mall. At other times it was the need for improved recreation facilities or whether the Green Line's opening had any effect on crime.

In addition to these discussions, representatives of the First District Metropolitan Police attended one meeting and discussed efforts to cut down on auto thefts, the number of and time distribution of patrols, high speed chases, and methods of discouraging crime.

A representative of Admiral Security, attended another meeting to discuss security at Waterside Mall and the operation of his company.

Finally, concerned about the effect of the Congressional proposal to extend the boundaries of the Capitol Police, the Commission contacted the Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Departments for their evaluations of the proposal.

Payphones

In the wake of the continuing epidemic of street drug dealing, many beleaguered citizens see

outdoor public pay phones as something harmful, not a helpful convenience. In response to one set of citizens the ANC supported an effort to have the pay phones removed from 3rd and K, and at 7th and L Streets SE.

In addition the ANC opposed the installation of a new pay phone at 140 M Street, SE.

NSC #5

Following complaints about its operations in the beginning of the year, the ANC has increased its contacts with the center. Robert Weaver, then director of NSC #5, visited the ANC to explain the mission and the organization of the center. The ANC anticipates increased communication with the center staff in the coming year.

Alley Closings

The Washington Post wants the District to close the alley next to their plant in SE citing security reasons. The Commission decided to support the alley closing, on the condition that the District receives the fair market value for the land. Similarly, Riverside Associates, the developers of the Capitol Point project want the City to close a portion of R Street that lies west of 2nd Street.

As with the Washington Post request, the ANC informed the city government that it did not object to the closing as long as the District receives compensation equal to the value of the land. The Commission also did not oppose the U.S. Army's request to close part of T Street, west of 2nd Street.

Finally, the Commission considered a proposal to close a portion of the alley next to the 3rd and K (SE) Market. The ANC has now endorsed the closing, though the alley is now in the ANC 6B area.

OTHER ISSUES

Cut backs and changes in area bus service that went into effect with the opening of the Green Line were a matter of great concern. The Commission was in contact with WMATA and DC Council representatives about these concerns. Metro representatives attended an ANC meeting to brief the Commission and the community on current bus operations and plans for routes serving the 2D area. Among other things, they reported that the M-2, previously slated for elimination would be retained, to the relief of many area residents.

Amid considerable community concern about noise and safety, the ANC heard several times from representatives of Air Pegasus. They described their plans to set up a heliport at 1724 South Capitol Street S.E. They also submitted a written employment plan.

The Commission opposed a plan by GSA to build 195-foot smoke stacks at its power plants in Foggy Bottom and Southwest. The ANC sent a representative to attend a "scoping" meeting to discuss an environmental impact statement regarding the smoke stacks. The Commission will continue working on the issue in the coming year.

After several discussions with a representative of the Coca-Cola/Reeboc 3-on-3 basketball tournament, the ANC agreed not to oppose the event provided that the sponsors offered additional benefits to the Southwest community. The upshot was that the sponsors said that 10% of the donations produced by the tournament would be earmarked for Police Boys and Girls Club #4, serving the SW/SE area.

The ANC responded to a concern about the lack of lighting in the pedestrian underpass at South Capitol Street and the freeway. The Department of Public Works responded by saying they would arrange for new lights, which are now in place.

After long-standing efforts to get the Waterside Mall management to erect a community board stalled, the manager of Safeway arranged to put a bulletin board in the entrance to Safeway. The ANC also began sending out a one-page report on Commission meetings this year to all organizations in the 2D area; a copy is also posted on the bulletin board.

The ANC endorsed a project to organize a volunteer effort to improve the landscaping of the M Street median strip. . . The ANC endorsed bill 9-494, "Resident Parking Plan Amendment Act of 1992." . . . The Commission participated in the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force Summer Jobs Program, providing a supervised work experience for one student. . . In response to a resident's complaints, the ANC wrote to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs about odors from Blue Plains sewage treatment plant. DCRA said that there were things that Blue Plains (which is operated by the Department of Public Works) could do to reduce the odor; apparently they now made some of these changes.

Public Housing

ANC 2D MEETING

Monday - September 14, 1992
7:30 pm - 400 Eye St SW
 Westminster Church

Public Housing. Is it getting any better?

Housing Chief Ray Price will join ANC 2D to discuss the state of public housing properties in the SW/SE area. This is the first in a series of program reviews of government services in the 2D area.

Other agenda topics include:

- Zoning for SW/SE Area "A"
- Raising Portal Height Limit
- ANC's FY93 Budget
- NPC election plans

Area Residents: Do you have a concern or a problem that you want the Commission to know about? If you do, contact the ANC office (600) 15th St SW (254-1795) 24 hours before the meeting and you will be heard first at the meeting - otherwise you may speak later in the meeting.

The condition and management of public housing continue to a major area of concern for the ANC. Thus FY92 end with a visit from public housing chief Ray Price, his second to the Commission since taking over the agency.

The Commission, which has long sought effective ways of improving public housing commended Councilmember Smith and the Council's housing committee for instituting monthly oversight hearings on public housing.

The Commission also was represented on tours of Greenleaf Gardens organized by Councilmember Jack Evans and Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Finally, in response to resident concerns the ANC wrote to the public housing department to speed up the installation of fences and interior panic bars at 501 and 601 Virginia Ave SE.

Community Concerns

The Commission reserves time at each of its meetings to hear resident concerns. Among the concerns raised by citizens at ANC meetings during FY92 were:

Tax Evasion. There are a large number of out-of-state license plates on cars using the parking garages in residential buildings in the area. Does this indicate that the owners are not paying DC income taxes as well as not paying local registration fees?

Owner Rights. The Commission was urged to endorse legislation that would enforce condo and co-op owners' right to certain information and provide arbitration of any disputes with their boards of directors or management.

Satellite Dishes. A resident of Harbour Square, presented some of his concerns relating to the installation of 3 satellite dishes on the SW waterfront. The Commission worked with Councilmember Jack Evans' office to try to resolve the very complicated problem.

If you have a concern that you would like to tell the ANC about, call the ANC office (554-1795) at least a day in advance and you'll be heard at the beginning of the meeting; otherwise you'll have a chance to speak near the close of the meeting.

MEETINGS

ANC 2D meets at 7:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month, except in October when the Commission will meet on the 3rd Monday, and in August when the Commission will not meet. The Commission meets at 400 I Street SW (Westminster Church). To confirm the meeting location and agenda issues, call the ANC 24-hour telephone line, 554-1795. Any area resident who contacts the ANC Office at least 24 hours ahead of time, may reserve a spot at the top of the agenda to discuss a concern with the ANC.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following is a summary of the recommendations for improving ANC Operations submitted to the Council and the Mayor by ANC 2D:

"Great weight" should mean that an ANC is entitled to a rebuttable presumption in favor of its recommendations. In other words, an agency should follow the advice of an ANC unless there is clear and convincing evidence against doing so.

The reporting period for the annual report should be changed to coincide with the ANC terms, i.e. January to December.

The DC Government should provide orientation sessions for new Commissioners before their terms begin in January.

There should be an independent office to provide technical assistance and other support to ANCs.

The City should provide extra copies of the DC Register free, or at cost, to Commissioners.

There should be automatic removal from office of ANC Commissioners who repeatedly miss meetings.

The DC Government should provide the annual ANC allocation in one lump payment

ANCs should have the right to sue the DC Government or its contractors to enforce community participation and affirmative action requirements of government contracts, particularly RLA contracts.

Q&A Q&A Q&A

What is an Advisory Neighborhood Commission?

An ANC is a nonpartisan, neighborhood organization made up of locally elected representatives called Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. The Commissioners, who serve two-year terms without pay, are elected in November in even-numbered years.

How many ANCs are there?

There are 37 ANCs. Each ANC area is subdivided into a number of smaller areas, called Single Member Districts (SMDs) since only one Commissioner is elected per district. Each SMD consists of about 2,000 people. Although the SMDs must have equal populations, ANCs may vary in size. Thus the largest ANC has 16 SMDs, and the smallest only two. There are 299 SMD's city-wide.

What do ANCs do?

The ANCs' main job is to be their neighborhood's official voice in advising the District government (and Federal agencies) on things that affect their neighborhoods. This includes zoning, streets, recreation, education, social services, sanitation, planning, safety and health. The ANCs also initiate recommendations for improving city services, conduct neighborhood improvement programs, and monitor resident complaints.

Do the ANCs have any power?

Compared to the Mayor or the DC Council, the ANCs have little formal power. District law does say the District agencies must give "great weight" to the advice that receive from the ANCs. It also says that they cannot take any action that will affect a neighborhood unless they give the appropriate ANC 30 days advance notice. In addition, the ANCs receive District funding and have the power to rent office space and hire their own staff. On the other hand, the law bars them from initiating law suits. The ANCs most important power, therefore, comes from the power of involved and informed citizens.

How is an ANC different from a civic association?

An ANC is an official, tax-supported, autonomous branch of the DC government with special rights guaranteed in law. Its members are representatives chosen in government-run elections. Civic associations, whose concerns often overlap with those of ANCs, are "voluntary" organizations whose money comes from fund-raising activities. They are "mass" organizations whose officers are chosen in privately-sponsored elections. They can, however, initiate law suits; ANCs according to the law cannot. Agencies must give "great weight" to ANCs but not to other neighborhood groups.

FINANCES

October 1, 1991 - September 30, 1992

[A] BALANCE FORWARD FROM FY91\$3,128.82

Receipts:

District Allotment	\$26,370.00
Interest	\$270.15
Other	\$300.00
Transfer from Savings	\$0.00

[B] Total Receipts

[C] Total Funds Available [A+B]\$30,068.97

Disbursements:

1) Net Salaries & Wages	\$13,610.84
2) a. Total Federal Wage Taxes	\$4,998.12
b. D.C. Income Taxes	\$1,029.84
3) Unemployment Insurance Tax	\$204.57
4) Local Transportation	\$0.00
5) Office Rent	\$2,000.00
6) Telephone Service	\$266.81
7) Postage and Delivery	\$174.00
8) Utilities	\$0.00
9) Printing and Duplicating	\$735.76
10) Purchase of Service	\$0.00
11) Office Supplies	\$136.35
12) Office Equipment	\$26.04
13) Grants	\$25.00
14) Petty Cash Reimbursement	\$96.86
15) Transfer to Savings Account	\$0.00
16) Other	\$2,559.37
Health Insurance	\$2,126.00
ANC Security Fund	\$30.00
DC Council Journal	\$53.00
Computer Insurance	\$75.00
Workmen's Comp	\$265.00
Miscellaneous	\$10.00

[D] Total Disbursements

ENDING BALANCE [C-D]

News on ANC 2D now appears in The Hill Rag, as well as The Southwester and The Washington Post. The Southwest Branch Library has established a special file on ANC 2D minutes and reports. ANC 2D and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly have jointly sponsored community meetings including the 1992 Candidates Forum and Mayor Kelly's visit.

I would like to thank former Commissioner James Jennings for his work on the Commission. Also, I must acknowledge the major efforts of our Executive Director, Gottlieb Simon, who continues to get the work done.

We welcome your comments and ideas for improving the response of ANC 2D to resident concerns and the responsiveness of ANC 2D to resident needs and requirements.

C. W. Hargrave



Notes from the Chairperson

This year, we are attempting to improve the quality of Commission response to community problems and concerns. First, we have initiated oversight programs for D. C. Government Agencies and Offices. We have conducted oversight programs on housing, public safety, and community empowerment. We are planning future programs on public education, recreation, and public health.

Second, we are in the process of establishing standing committees to enable us to better use resident

expertise in our decisions. In addition to the current Land Use Committee, we have approved standing committees on Residential Zoning, Public Safety, Public Housing, Public Education and Recreation, and Regulatory Activities.

These committees will be open to residents as members. Residents would be nominated for membership on a Committee and approved by a majority voted of the Commission. Please call the Commission office (554-1795) or me (554-8284) if you are interested in Committee membership.

Friend of Bill's

Last month the Southwester reported that Phillip Crooms, a fourth grader at Van Ness Elementary School, won a coveted new prize. He was one of the winners in a Washington Post contest of best letters to the future President. Then President-elect Bill Clinton hosted Phillip and seven other Washington area students at Monticello in Charlottesville. It was the beginning of the Inaugural week celebration. Phillip then went on the Inaugural bus trip.

In a morning session on the west porch of Thomas Jefferson's renowned home, the students, ranging from age 7 to 17, were given the opportunity to ask Clinton one question. The program was aired live on CNN and C-Span. When Phillip's time before the questioner's microphone came, Clinton was finally given a chance to hear the boy. In strikingly Clintonesque language, Phillip implored the President-elect to "hear my cry. I feel we all need a change for a better life."

Phillip, who is 10, described in the essay his daily surroundings: friends with parents who live from pay check to pay check, a father without a job and without money. With his letter, Phillip immediately became a Friend of Bill (F.O.B.), whose own austere childhood has been no secret to the American public.

Phillip said that after he asked the President-elect his question, Clinton "told everybody what I wrote and said he liked mine most of all."

Phillip said he was encouraged by his aunt to write the essay to the President and enter the contest. Everyone word in the letter, he said, was his own.

Phillip said he also came up with his own question for Clinton. He asked what Clinton would do to show he cares about children. The President-elect replied that he would try go give jobs to those who needed them.

Phillip is a fan of the Dallas Cowboys (even before 52-17) and Super Nintendo. He has a girlfriend and likes to rollerblade. Unfortunately, he is like a lot of youngsters who grow up in the city. One day he came out of a store and nearly walked into a crossfire of blazing guns.

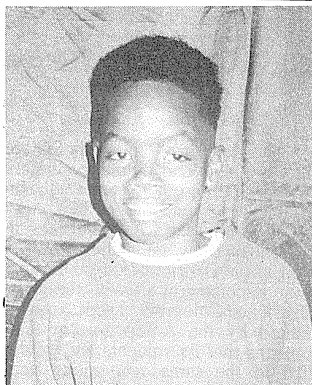
His own prescription for the country's ills is even simpler than Clinton's. "Stop the shooting," he said quietly when asked what the President should do for America.

Interviewed on report card night at Van Ness, Phillip said his best subject is math, and he displays his writing talents only when he has to. He said he wasn't nervous about his grades.

Apparently nothing fazes this young man. When first told he won the contest, he told his mother to stop telling stories. It took a call from an employee of the Washington Post telling him he had won before he believed it.

Phillip said he lost his composure briefly when he and the other students first saw Clinton strolling through another room at Monticello. "We saw him walk in, and everybody started jumping up and down," he said.

So, does the aspiring politician hopes to someday be on the receiving end of a young student's question at Monticello 40 years from now? Are you kidding? Phillip said he would rather feel America's pain as a football player than as President.



Phillip, 10, is in the 4th grade at Van Ness Elementary

Dear President-Elec: Clinton:

I have seen my parents and friends' parents and relatives struggling from month to month, sitting at the table wondering what's for dinner.

I have watched my Mom and Dad grow apart. Seeing my Dad not come home for months because he has no job and no money to pay the bills.

President-Elect Clinton these are just a few examples of what my family and friends are going through each and every day of our lives, but now that you have been elected president hear my cry. I feel that we all need change for a better life. I am young and not able to vote but I am also a child of the future so my feelings count. Since you have been elected make a great change that will build the foundation for the little people's future. we are the children of tomorrow,

Yours Truly,
Phillip Crooms

TASTE OF AN ESSAY COMPETITION

"Take a bite out of an essay" and help D.C. public elementary schools win computers from Giant and Safeway. On March 6, 1993 from 11:00am to 5:00pm at Marie Reed School on 18th St., N.W. (between Wyoming Ave and Kalorama Rd.), Artisans' Survival and Help Association, A.S.H.A., will host the 2nd Taste of an Essay Competition. Admission is FREE!!

The parents have prepared their children's favorite dishes for you to sample. For the exchange of two Giant and/or Safeway receipts, per taste, you will have the opportunity to sample a variety of dishes favored by D.C. public school' multi-cultural student population. You can savor international and regional dishes. Taste and compare the actual dishes and read the children's essay. This event is free to the public, just bring lots of receipts.

The taste of an Essay Competition will also feature an Embassy Row with selected embassies displaying literature about their countries. There will also be live entertainment from Salsa to African Dancers, arts and crafts sale, international children's games, and folktales. For more information call (202) 234-6124.

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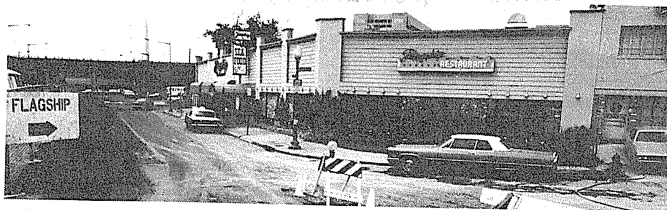
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APPLICATIONS FOR 1993 MAYORAL/COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

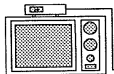
Applications for the 1993 Mayoral/Council Scholarship Program are being accepted now through Feb. 26, 1993. The scholarship program, which is funded and administered by the District of Columbia Division of Washington Gas, is open to residents pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in business or science.

A total of 15 academic scholarships will be awarded. Two Mayoral Scholarships of \$1,500 each will be presented to college seniors pursuing graduate studies. Thirteen Council Scholarships of \$1,000 each will be presented to students on two different educational levels: eight scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors selected by their respective ward Council members; and five scholarships will go to college sophomores, one each to be selected by the Council Chairman and the four at-large Council members. The winners will be announced in May.

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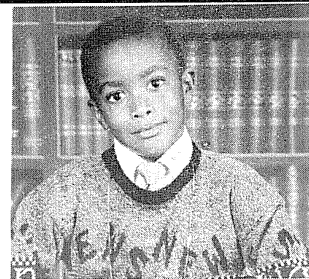
DCSL is a community-based, clinical law school. Sixty percent of its 260 students are residents of the District of Columbia. The student body consists of approximately 50% minorities and 50% women. The Law School has graduated two classes to date. Many of them are now working in public service jobs in the District of Columbia and metropolitan area. The Bar Examination passage rate for students who have taken the Bar to date is 61 percent.

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The Law School wants to hear from the community about what District residents want in their law school. DCSL is actively seeking qualified District resident applicants. Information and applications for Fall, 1993 may be obtained by writing:

Office of Admissions
District of Columbia School of Law
719 - 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

or telephoning the School of Law between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM, Monday-Friday, at 202-727-5232.



Jamal Jones, 5th Grade Student at Amidon Elementary School, has been a member of Amidon's Library Tale teller for two consecutive years. This poem was a classroom assignment.

THURGOOD MARSHALL: A MIGHTY MAN

by Jamal O. Jones

Thurgood was a champion in many people's eyesight.

He argued and fought for years for individual rights.

He went before the Supreme Court 32 times;

For much of his professional services he never received a dime.

He was victorious 29 times before the Supreme Court bench.

He was so good a hateful person felt maybe he would be a good human being to lynch.

Brown vs. Board of Education was won in 1954, but Thurgood didn't stop there.

He went on to handle cases others wouldn't dare.

He showed little signs of worry or fear, And, over time he challenged the system and questioned it when it didn't seem clear.

Although he ceased living at age 84, His legacy will live on forever more:

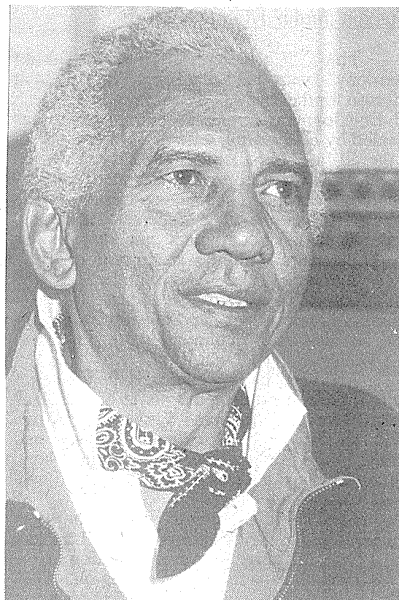
"I did what I could with what I had."

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS UNITE TO ADVOCATE FOR DISTRICT'S CHILDREN

Eleven organizations have united to form the DC KIDS COUNT Collaborative. The goal of the four-year project is to identify the city's strengths and weaknesses in health, education, employment, and family and community resources as they affect the lives of D.C. children. The data will be presented in a series of reports, and each year an Annual Report Card will outline the city's performance on behalf of its children.

Four organizations -- the Children's Defense Fund-DC, Children's Hospital, the Committee on Strategies to Reduce Chronic Poverty of the Greater Washington Research Center, and the Community Partnership -- form the DC Kids Count Collaborative's leadership. This group will oversee the four key components of the project: data collection and analysis, program and policy evaluation; identification of best models and practices, and public education and advocacy. The Collaborative's other members include the Association for Providers of Employment Training, the D.C. Coalition for Children and Families, D.C. Department of Human Services, D.C. Public Schools, George Washington and Howard Universities, and the Urban Family Institute.

Call Carrie Thornhill at (202) 466-6680 or Sue Marshall at (202) 624-1731 for more information.



Al Freeman, Jr.

SOUTHWEST CLERGY

The Southwest Clergy held its monthly meeting Tuesday, February 16, 1993 at St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church, 630 "E" Street SW. The chairman, Father Joseph Del Vecchio, S.S.J., of St. Vincent Church told the *Southwester* that the meetings are informal and the clergy acts as a support group. The group discussions include anything in the area that the churches, as a group, can work together to tackle.

For more information or to pose something to be tackled by the clergy - call (202) 488-1354.

FREE SPIRITUAL WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM

Beginning with the Ash Wednesday Service February 24th at 6:30 pm, there will be an 8 week diet program at St. Augustine's Church, 1 and M St. The agenda stresses a spiritual approach to weight loss. This component of the program will be led by Rev. John Talbott, Rector of St. Augustine's. Other facets of the program include physiological, nutritional and exercise features which will be led by following community volunteers. Ms. Mary Ann Bailer will be the Exercise Leader. Those interested please contact St. Augustine's at (202) 554-3222 and leave your name, dress and phone number or just show up at 30 p.m. on February 24.

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AL FREEMAN, JR.

by Ramona Turner

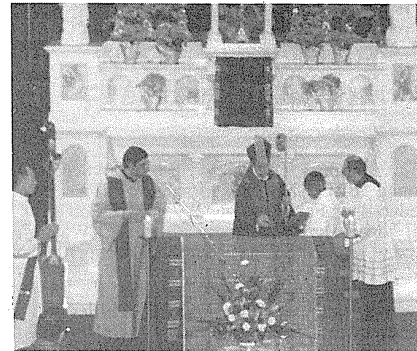
He was born in San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of the late pianist Al Freeman Sr. and Lottie Coleman Freeman. He is just one of the many talented actors of today and he is also a resident of our very own Southwest. Who is he? He is Al Freeman Jr.

For the past year, Freeman has been the Acting Chairman for the Theater Arts Department at Howard University. This position came about when Freeman was here in Washington, performing a play at Arena Stage with actress Ruby Dee. While here in Washington, Freeman wanted to take a look at the renowned Howard University Drama Department. During his visit he spoke with some students and was approached by the Associate Dean to maybe consider teaching a course. He did and later joined the faculty and eventually became Acting Chairman. Freeman has taught various acting classes in the New York and Los Angeles areas; however this is his first time teaching at the university level. "Being at Howard's Drama Department has its ups and downs," says Freeman. "The upside is the interaction that I have with these young minds, which is fun at times and also very exasperating at others, but it has renewed me and I feel more alive." He also says, "my students think it is valuable to have someone teaching them who is actively working in the business."

In November, the movie about the life of Human Rights Activist Malcom X was released. Freeman was just one of the many great actors to star in the film. Freeman portrayed Elijah Muhammed, who was the spiritual leader and founder of the Nation of Islam. Elijah Muhammed was a significant person in Malcom X's life. In preparing for the role of Elijah Muhammed, Freeman studied audio and video tapes and read books about him. He had never seen Elijah Muhammed when he was alive, but he did hear his speeches on the radio.

Did the film actively depict the political and social aspects of Malcom X's life? Freeman says, "The film was faithful to the autobiography, which is what Producer and Director Spike Lee set out to do." Freeman also states, "I thought Spike Lee really captured the essence of Malcom X quite skillfully, the film meant something to Spike and it was an important thing to do, therefore it was important to do it the best that we could." Freeman hopes the film Malcom X, marks the maturity of Lee as a film maker.

Freeman, who has been in the acting business for more than thirty years, has acted in the mini series "Roots the Next Generation," and on the soap opera "One Life To Live" for 17 years. He did not say if there were any future projects in store for him, but there may always be something on the "back burners" as actors sometimes say. Currently he says his hands are full at Howard. "I am aware of my limitations and realize I can't portray just any part, if another wonderful role comes along I will definitely do it."



Not New Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church Finally Installed

Reverend Joseph Del Vecchio, a Josephite priest who has been acting as pastor for the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on South Capitol and M Streets, S.E. for the past 18 months, was finally installed as the church's official pastor.

On Sunday, January 17, 1993, at 11 am Mass, before an overflow crowd of 300 parishioners, the Right Reverend Bishop Leonard Olivier of the Washington, D.C. Archdiocese, officially blessed and installed Father Del Vecchio as St. Vincent's new pastor.

Gospel singers and a four-member all-male teenage choral group from Archbishop Carroll High School also performed at the Installation Mass.

Father Del Vecchio's family from Connecticut attended the ceremonies and made over \$1100 in donations to the parish church. His uncle and aunt, Ann and Tony McNulty, cousins Joseph and Rosemary were the contributors of the family. Fr. Del Vecchio said the money would be used to send 14 parish teenagers to Denver, Colorado, for the World Youth Week in which Pope John Paul II will attend for one day.

Father Del Vecchio's installation did not end with the 11 a.m. Mass, but the same evening St. Vincent's joined in the chiming of bells at 6 p.m. as a participatory member of the network requested by the Clinton Administration to signal "HOPE" for the new administration and the country. Channel 8's Cable News station filmed St. Vincent's efforts in this event.

The Josephite order is dedicated to serving predominantly black parishes in lower income areas, and has six such parishes in the Washington, D.C. area. St. Vincent Church is in its 104th year of existence.

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SECOND ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH JOB FAIR

National Job Search will host its' Second Annual Black History Month Job Fair on Wednesday, February 24, 1993. The job fair will be held at the Armory Place, 925 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Jobs from entry level to executive level as well as school and training opportunities will be available. A special job hunting seminar will be held from 8:30AM to 10:00AM. Federal and private employers will be participating in the job fair. Attendees should bring copies of resumes and standard form 171's. Dress attire is recommended.

Some of our prior participants include Mass Mutual, U.S. Secret Service, Tracor, U.S. Park Service, New York Life, the Southland Corporation, PEPCO, Food & Drug Administration, TELESEC, Erols, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Defense logistics Agency, Howard University, Staffing Pros, Aspen Temps, Primerica, Washington Hospital Center, North Carolina Mutual, Trak Auto, National Safety Associates, Walter Reed Hospital, and others.

For further information, please contact Clifton Taylor or Spencer Carey at (301) 423-8083.

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Announcements

The Southwester receives many announcements of free happenings. The following is a listing of some of these services and events.

Hirshorn Film Series - Thursday and Friday at 8 pm; also on Saturday afternoon call 202-357-2627.

Washington Independent Writers - If your words belong on the airwaves instead of the printed page, learn from experts, workshop is at Pepco Auditorium, 1900 Pennsylvania Ave., NW on Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00, refreshments at 6:30 pm.

Catholic University Library - Coptic Books and Manuscript Exhibit -through March 4, 10-4 Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Washington Bach Consort's Noontime Cantata Series - 1317 G St., NW, Tuesday, February 23, 12:10 pm, diagonally across from Metro Center, 202-337-1202.

Local African American Artists - 815 - 15th St., NW Ste. 100 (office of Eleanor Holmes Norton), Monday-Friday, 10:00 - 4:30 pm through February. This exhibit is in celebration of National Black History Month. One of the Southwesters photographers, Ron Cooke will have photographs on display.

SW Library - Financial Planning Seminar, Tuesday March 23, 12 noon and Women and Investing Seminar on Thursday March 25, 12 noon 202-727-1381 or 703-838-8610.

AARP Tax Program - every Wednesday, counselor is available 1:00 - 5:00 pm at the SW Library, between 3rd & Wesley St.s SW; program is open to low and moderate income citizens of the district. Bring copies of 1991 Federal and DC tax returns and W2 forms for 1992. Call Melanie Thompson, 202-889-2849.

SOUTHWEST SCHOOL NEWS

Jefferson Junior High School

The "Challenger Groundbreaking Ceremony" was held January 28, 1993 at Jefferson for the (\$750,000) Challenger Research and Development Center. The ceremony was attended by Mary King, wife of the Commander of the ill-fated Challenger Shuttle. She and other family members participated in the launching of the Challenger Center Space Science Foundation. The students will be able to operate banks of computers, cameras, robotics and the like in a simulated space station.

Tyrone Huff, a seventh grader, has won first place in the Velma B. Johnson Oratorical/Essay Contest. He won a \$500.00 savings bond, and has received numerous calls to present his speech.

Joyi Rice, a ninth grader, is the winner of an essay contest sponsored by NASA, for Black History Month. The theme this year is "Afro - American Scholars: Leaders, Activists, and Writers." Joyi received a \$500.00 savings bond and certificate which was presented by Astronaut Gen. Frederick D. Gregory.

On Tuesday, January 19, our chorus in conjunction with the Capitol Hill Choral Society sang in the Inaugural Prayer celebration at the First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. President and Mrs. Clinton and Vice president and Mrs. Gore were in attendance. Jefferson's group sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing" - it was very uplifting and the service was magnificent.

Amidon Elementary School

Amidon is featuring an international festival on Friday, April 2 at 10:00 am. It is sponsored by the librarian, Marilyn Moser.

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